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Mission of the North Yakima Conservation District Conservation District

• The mission of the North Yakima Conservation District is to make available technical, financial and educational resources to meet the conservation needs of the citizens who occupy and use the natural resources within our District.

Natural Resource Priorities and Goals: NYCD's overall district natural resource concerns in priority order and goal for improvement.

- Fish passage/barriers: Assess and correct fish passage/barrier issues on all tributary streams within the District. (achieve by 2008 LRP).
- Fish and Wildlife Habitat: Assess, plan and implement habitat plans within all tributaries to complement fish passage/barrier priorities (achieve by 2013 LRP).
- Water Quantity: Assess irrigation efficiency opportunities and implement practices to realize those efficiencies for both on-farm and delivery systems (achieve by 2013 LRP).
- Native Plant sources: Establish goals of NYCD's Plant Material Facility that meet local and regional plant restoration/conservation needs (2004).
- Noxious Weeds: Develop better understanding of Yakima County Noxious Weed Control Board and develop opportunities to address weed issues within high priority project areas (2005).
- Water Quality: Participate in Water Quality related forums and issues to ensure adequate protection of surface and ground water (cont.).

Information - Education Priorities and Goals: NYCD's long term goals for information/education.

- Contact all landowners within the Ahtanum, Cowiche and Wide Hollow Creek watersheds that live adjacent to those streams to inform them and educate them about the District and Salmon Recovery programs being implemented (achieve by 2005)
- Establish program that supports K-12 curriculum development and "hands on" support and coordination (achieve by 2008).
- Promote the Conservation District ideals and functions with the public, groups, and local, state and federal agencies; i.e. "conserve, protect and enhance natural resource through the use of Best Management Practices (BMP's)", "to take available technical, financial and educational resources whatever there source, and focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land user for conservation of soil, water and related resources", etc...(on-going)

District Operations Priorities, Goals & Funding Sources: NYCD's goals for District operation(s).

- Complete District operations in a timely and efficient manner, consistent with Washington Conservation Commission guidelines.
- Complete Annual Report of Accomplishments (September 2004).
- Complete Supervisor elections and appointments (March 2005).
- Complete employee evaluations (January 2005).
- Complete Internal Audit, Annual Financial Report, Annual Plan and Annual Budget (May 2005).
- Conduct 12 monthly Regular Board Meetings and 3 "special field tour" Meetings (June 2005).
- Review NYCD's Personnel Manual and RCW 89.08 with Board and Employees (May 2005).
- Review and Update NYCD Plant Material Facility work plan and Budget (December 2004).

- Provide training and related educational opportunities to Staff and Board Members (on-going).
- Prepare, Update and Maintain NYCD's Local Assessment (January 2005).
- Anticipated NYCD funding sources for FY 2005 (July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005)
 - -LOCAL: NYCD Assessment, Yakima County Flood Control District, South Naches I.D., NYCD Plant Sale, NYCD PMF, local landowners
 - -STATE: Washington Conservation Commission, Washington State Department of Ecology
 - -FEDERAL: Salmon Recovery Funding Board (NOAA Fisheries), Bonneville Power Administration (SCWRC&D-YTAHP), U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation





Program Area: Fish passage/barriers.

Goal(s): Assess and correct fish passage/barrier issues on all tributary streams within the District. (achieve by 2008 LRP).

Funding Source(s): Bonneville Power Administration (YTAHP), Conservation Commission IM, Salmon Recovery Funding Board, NYCD

assessment, Conservation Commission IE.

Activities for FY2005	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Stream assessment – NYCD will complete assessment process under the YTAHP program for the Ahtanum Creek and Wide Hollow Creek watersheds.	July 04-June05	Dave	60	\$12,480
Stream assessment – NYCD will conduct stream assessment (field) on 20 miles of fish bearing stream within the District.	July 04-June05	Dave, work crew	140	\$17,160
Tributary Teams – NYCD will facilitate the YTAHP tributary team process for Cowiche Creek and establish the Ahtanum Creek Tributary Team.	July 04-June05	Dave, Mike	30	\$7,200
YTAHP administrative duties – NYCD will participate in "Core Team", TWG meeting to provide "sponsorship to those activities.	July 04-June05	Mike, Dave	50	\$12,800
Complete the construction and habitat restoration of the Diversion #14 Project.	Spring 05	Mike	15	\$4,560
Design, permit, bid, construct, re-vegetate, monitor the Pellicer Project (full channel concrete irrigation diversion, 5 vortex rock weirs, habitat restoration)	July 04-spring 05	Mike, Dave, Paul C.	20	\$132,600
Install 5 pump fish screens in the Cowiche Creek watershed as a demonstration	Spring/Summer 04	Dave, Mike	20	\$19,640
Facilitate the "YTID" hook-up to provide in stream flow (8-10 cfs), Lust/Thorton SRFB applications. If this process ends then implement the SRFB grant (RC&D) to remove 2 barriers and adequately screen irrigation water.	Spring 04 – Fall 05	Mike, Dave, R.E.	25	\$6,480





Program Area: Fish and Wildlife Habitat

• **Goal(s):** Assess, plan and implement habitat plans within all tributaries to complement fish passage/barrier priorities (achieve by 2013 LRP).

Funding Source(s): Conservation Commission IM, Bonneville Power Administration (YTAHP), Yakima County Flood Control District, NYCD assessment, USFW – MOA, Salmon Recovery Funding Board, Moxee Mitigation Fund.

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Program Area: Water Quantity

Goal(s): Assess irrigation efficiency opportunities and implement practices to realize those efficiencies for both on-farm and delivery systems (achieve by _____ LRP).

Funding Source(s): Conservation Commission IE, NYCD assessment, Salmon Recovery Funding Board, Bonneville Power Administration (YTAHP)

Activities for FY2005	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Assess, contract, engineer implement and monitor "YTID" hook-up" Project. Provide alternative irrigation source to approx. 450 acres to provide trustable in stream flow of 8-10 cfs in stretch of Cowiche Creek that currently is dry due to irrigation withdrawals.	Summer 05 – Fall 06	R.E., Mike	35	\$509,680
Contact 25 water right holders and/or irrigation entities to introduce IE Program, develop interest, determine eligibility, and contract for trustable water.	July 04 – June 05	R.E., Mike	55	\$13,520
Continue on-going work with the Ahtanum Irrigation District, Selah-Moxee Irrigation District, South-Naches Irrigation District and Naches-Selah Irrigation District to implement portions or all of their respective Comprehensive Plans	July 04 – June 05	Mike	5	\$1,520
Implement Irrigation Efficiency contracts	July 04 – June 05	R.E., Mike	15	\$628,920





Program Area: Native Plant sources, NYCD Plant Materials Facility

Goal(s): Establish goals of NYCD's Plant Material Facility that meet local and regional plant restoration/conservation needs (2004).

Funding Source(s): NYCD assessment

Activities for FY2005	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Finalize mission statement and goals of NYCD PMF	June 2004	PMF committee, Mike. R.E.	4	\$1,088
Establish work plan and budget for PMF operation.	July 2004	PMF committee, Mike. R.E.	4	\$1,088
Implement PMF work plan	July 04 – June 05	R.E., Mike	60	\$33,680
Conduct NYCD Plant Sale	July 04 – June 05	NYCD Staff	50	\$11,840





Program Area: NYCD Operations

Goal(s): To maintain, expand, and provide effective natural resource conservation programs in an efficient, legal, and fiscally responsible manner.

Funding Source(s): NYCD assessment, Bonneville Power Administration, Conservation Commission Basic Funding

Activities for FY2005	Target	Person Time(Day	Time(Days)	s) Estimated
	Dates	Responsible	Required	Funding
Complete District operations in a timely and efficient manner, consistent with Washington Conservation Commission guidelines.	July 04 – June 05	NYCD Board, Mike, Jackie	20	\$4,640
Complete Annual Report of Accomplishments	September 2004	Mike, Staff	5	\$1,520
Complete Supervisor elections and appointments	March 2005	NYCD Board, Jackie	5	\$1,040
Complete employee evaluations		NYCD Board, Mike	2	\$608
Complete Internal Audit, Annual Financial Report, Annual Plan and Annual Budget	May 2005	NYCD Board, Jackie, Mike	25	\$6,160
Conduct 12 monthly Regular Board Meetings and 3 "special field tour" Meetings	July 04 – June 05	NYCD Board	45	\$11,184
Review NYCD's Personnel Manual and RCW 89.08 with Board and Employees	May 2005	NYCD Board, Mike	2	\$608
Review and update Annual and Long Range Plans	June 2005	NYCD Board, Mike	5	\$1,520
Review and Update NYCD Plant Material Facility work plan and Budget	June 2005	PMF Committee, Mike, R.E.	4	\$1,088
Provide training and related educational opportunities to Staff and Board	July 04 – June 05	NYCD Board, Mike	2	\$608
Prepare, Update and Maintain NYCD's Local Assessment	January 2005	Jackie, Mike	20	\$4,640
Maintain a physical presence in all applicable forums of Natural Resource Protection that may pertain to the natural resources of the North Yakima Conservation District or its landowners.	July 04 – June 05	NYCD Board, Mike	50	\$15,200





Program Area: Information and Education

Goal(s): Provide Information and Education to schools, general public, participating landowners and other resource entities.

Funding Source(s): NYCD assessment

Activities for FY2005	Target Dates	Person Responsibl e	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Contact all landowners within the Ahtanum, Cowiche and Wide Hollow Creek watersheds that live adjacent to those streams to inform them and educate them about the District and Salmon Recovery programs being implemented	December 2005	Dave, Mike, NYCD Board	10	\$2,560
Establish program that supports K-12 curriculum development and "hands on" support and coordination	July 04 – June 05	NYCD Board, Mike	10	\$3,040
Promote the Conservation District ideals and functions; ie. "conserve, protect and enhance natural resource through the use of Best Management Practices (BMP's)", "to take available technical, financial and educational resources whatever there source, and focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land user for conservation of soil, water and related resources", etc	July 04 – June 05	NYCD Board, Mike, Staff	20	\$6,080



(Insert district budget for FY2005 (7/1/04 - 6/30/05))